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Cliff Castles, Happy Birthday on 27th Nov. Have a nice day!
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Website of the week www.sheptonbeauchamp.org.uk

Shepton Beauchamp is an attractive village lying north-east of Ilminster between the Blackdown Hills and the Somerset Levels, with many of the 315 houses being built from local stone. It has a Saxon name 'sheep settlement' to which was added that of the Beauchamp family (pronounced 'Beecham') who held the manor with the barony of Hatch Beauchamp from the mid 12th century.

The village has a thriving Post

Office and stores, an award winning butchers shop, a pub with excellent new accommodation, two farm shops and a specialist clock and watch shop. The fine church of St. Michael dates from the late 13th century. There is an excellent playgroup, pre-threes group and parents and toddlers. Shepton Beauchamp has a good mix of social backgrounds, ages and new and old families. The village is a busy one, with enough people around during the day for

businesses to thrive. There is a real feeling of 'community' and local events are well supported.

Visit www.sheptonbeauchamp.org.uk to view upcoming events or to catch up on previous community events. There are many sections available to view so whether you want to read up on the history of Shepton Beauchamp or simply read the Parish Plan you can find all the information you need on the site.



Ethical sourcing

SOUTH Somerset Green Party's public meeting attracted nearly 40 people to the Henhayes Centre, in Crewkerne, to hear Quentin Clark, head of sustainability at Waitrose, talk about the supermarket's policies on ethical and local sourcing.

Ben Hartshorn, the local party contact said: "There were many challenging questions from the audience, and I'm sure Waitrose will be taking on board these comments as they look to develop their 'corporate social responsibility' policies."

Arts petition

FOLLOWING the county council's decision to cut arts funding by 100 per cent this year, Somerset's arts organisations are now endeavouring to produce a petition signed by at least 5,000 people who live, study or are employed in Somerset, in order to generate a new debate at a full county council meeting in early 2011.

An online petition needs to be signed by December 16th at www.gopetition.com/petition/40729.html

On hold

OPPORTUNITY Crewkerne, the event that allows the public to vote on the allocation of district council community grants, is on hold until more is known about central Government policy.

South Somerset District Council Area West committee has deferred discussion on arrangements for the event pending the outcome of the Localism Bill and county council cuts.



Rotary hits the high street

□ **OPEN FOR BUSINESS:** The Mayor of Crewkerne Councillor Neil Sturtivant with Crewkerne Rotary vice president Derek Phoenix and town crier David Craner

CREWKERNE Rotarians are delighted to be situated in the town centre with their popular charity shop for the Christmas season once again.

Following their success in recent years, the doors were opened on Wednesday of last week by the Mayor of Crewkerne, Councillor Neil Sturtivant, after a rousing announcement by town crier David Craner.

The Rotary Shop will be open for a period of eight weeks selling good quality bric-a-brac and the ever popular hyacinth bulbs in pots of three. The shop will close on Saturday, January 15th.

Chairman of the club's foundation committee, Chris Gough, said that although some of the proceeds raised this year will go to the Rotary International in Great

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Britain and Ireland (RIBI) fund for the eradication of polio, a major portion this year will be directed towards helping those in need within the local community.

Rotarian Roger Fowler said they had made an agreement with the landlord of the shop which was previously Cardfair and tidied up the exterior of the premises.

He added that they were hoping it may encourage a business to come into the prime location when they vacate early next year.

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Cyclist rescued after eight hours in ditch

POLICE officers involved in a major missing person search have been praised for their determination and professionalism after successfully finding a badly injured woman, who had been lying stranded in a ditch for eight hours.

At 5.45pm on Friday, November 19th, a man from Merriott reported his wife was missing after she had failed to turn up for work earlier that afternoon. She had not been seen since 11am and her disappearance was graded high-risk as it was out of character and there was severe wind and rain in the area.

A command centre was set-up in Merriott and enquiries found the last signal from her phone was between Merriott and Dinnington. Officers established she had gone for a cycle ride and quickly became concerned that she had come off her bike and was unable to get home or raise help. All available staff were briefed and allocated areas to search and the police helicopter and Exmoor Search and Rescue were also involved in the rescue effort.

At 11.35pm her bike was seen on top of a 20 feet ditch at the side of a road and she was found at the bottom, suffering from hyperthermia and injuries to her leg. The woman had been stranded in the elements and without any warm or waterproof clothing for around eight or nine hours. The victim, who is in her 40s, was recovered from the ditch by Exmoor Search and Rescue and taken by ambulance to Yeovil District Hospital.

Speaking about the incident, Chief Inspector Sean Williams said: "This was a challenging incident in which officers worked hard searching a large area to find a woman who had been missing for a long time and in bad weather. Many were out on foot searching ditches and tracks in some miserable conditions. Everyone involved in the search put in a fantastic effort and demonstrated determination, professionalism and team spirit. In particular, Inspector Mike Griffiths is to be highly praised for his leadership in this incident and for his organisation of the response. The two officers who found her are also to be congratulated for their efforts and for their calmness under pressure dealing with this incident. I am pleased that we were able to find and help this woman and wish her a speedy recovery."

Police are investigating the possibility that the victim was knocked off her bicycle by a black vehicle. Anybody who witnessed a collision or has information which could help the investigation is asked to contact PC Chris Williams at Chard Police Station on 0845 456 7000.

Sweet treats for festive fair



■ FUN WITH MARZIPAN: George, Eleanor and Francesca



■ CAKE SKILLS: Hal and Oliver



■ FULL OF CHRISTMAS FUN: Hinton school children with their hand made sweetie containers

CHILDREN at Hinton St George CE First School were having a ball making sweets and icing cakes for their Christmas Fayre which will take place on Saturday (November 27th) from 1pm until 3.30pm.

They had already had fun making cardboard cones and decorating them to sell sweets in and were busy making peppermint creams and rolling out marzipan for miniature Christmas cakes.

With all the Christmas fever and sugar around, the mums from the Parent Friends Association had their hands full keeping the little elves on the job.

The fayre is very popular and always well attended with lots of food and games and Father Christmas will arrive by helicopter to start things off.

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■ **SHARE YOUR SUSPICIONS:** Irene Newman (Tesco), PCSO Ben Samways, security guard Hayley Widger, Sergeant Greg Power and Jan Wilkes (Tesco)

Crimestoppers helping the public stay safe

LOCAL members of the policing team launched an awareness campaign last week at Chard Tesco to try and get more community response to local crime.

The campaign will run throughout Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster for several weeks and aims to increase knowledge of the Crimestoppers charity and what service it can offer in the fight against crime.

Although the independent charity has been in existence for 22 years, some people are still unaware of the service it provides. It is endorsed by the police, it is not run by them, which means anyone who calls or uses the online form to provide information can remain completely anonymous, often leading to information that the public may otherwise be afraid to report.

Information provided to Crimestoppers can make a real difference to police investigations. Between April and October there were a total of 193 reports to Crimestoppers across the Somerset East policing district. This has resulted in 23 arrests and 41 crimes being detected.

Speaking about the awareness campaign, PCSO Ben Samways said: "We always welcome people coming forward and reporting crime directly to the police. However, we recognise that some people will want to help us solve crime without getting involved and Crimestoppers provides a valuable, anonymous alternative."

"The public provide us with thousands of additional eyes and ears and can have valuable information about people committing crime."

"We are particularly keen to hear from people with information about the crimes that most matter to our residents. These include rural crime, the supply and abuse of drugs and anti-social use of motor vehicles. If anyone has information I would urge them to get in touch. Crimestoppers can give certain members of the community a way of contacting us which means they feel safe and know they do not have to go to court themselves."

Sergeant Greg Power added: "We get an overall feeling of people not wanting to waste police time but a number of times a simple phone call can enable us to take a different tack for an investigation. It may be the missing piece to a larger puzzle and however trivial it may seem we want to know."

In the coming weeks, Crimestoppers posters will be appearing throughout all three towns. Neighbourhood policing teams will be talking to residents about Crimestoppers at beat surgeries and PACT meetings and will be including it in future school talks to introduce Crimestoppers to pupils.

Demonstrating the value of Crimestoppers, a suspect was arrested within the Avon and Somerset area after someone identified a shoplifter from a CCTV image published on the Crimestoppers website. Within two hours of the information being submitted a warrant was executed and the suspect was arrested and the stolen property recovered.

On another occasion, a suspect being interviewed admitted a further offence of theft, having seen himself on a Crimestoppers appeal for identification circulated via the website.

New store brings fresh hope



■ **OFFICIAL OPENING:** Town Crier David Craner announces the opening of M&Co before the mayor cuts the ribbon, watched by former owners of the building, Roger and Dorothy Cooke

EAGER Shoppers poured through the doors of M&Co in Crewkerne as they opened for the first time last Saturday.

The long awaited refurbishment of the old Cooke & Son building and yard into a 7,500 square foot clothing and household linen store was hoped by many to bring fresh life to the town centre.

In his opening speech, the mayor of Crewkerne, Councillor Neil Sturtivant talked about the history of M&Co, a family company formerly Mackays, and the Cooke family who had opened their shop in 1908 and ran it until 2004.

Roger and Dorothy Cooke were present for the opening and Councillor Sturtivant pointed out how they had been keen to make sure the new owners would be good for the town.

Mrs Cooke commented that there was no need for

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people to leave the town to do their shopping now as there was a good balance of independent and multi-national companies.

Mr Cooke agreed, he said: "It's brilliant. For so long people have been asking me what's happening to your shop. I think what they have done here

is fantastic and it will be good for the town."

The first customer was Alison Davis who was delighted to receive a bottle of champagne as well as the see through umbrella she had been wanting. She said the store was lovely and just what Crewkerne needed.



■ **FIRST PURCHASE:** Assistant manager Debbie Ward presents a bottle of champagne to Alison and Mike Davies, first customers of M&Co Crewkerne

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Spot on for Children in Need

AN OUTBREAK of measles was not the cause of so many spotty faces around Chard last Friday, as many schoolchildren had painted spots and spotty clothing to show their support for Children In Need. At Combe St Nicholas one of the

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school council suggested they all went to school in pyjamas for the day as she said it would make life easier because no one would have to get dressed. Together with a cake

sale, they raised £156.66.

At Avishayes Primary School many of the children had made their own Pudsey ears and painted spots on their faces, the older children swapped places with some of the teachers and their efforts raised around £100.



■ PYJAMA DAY: Combe St Nicholas Primary School (above and below right) in their jammies for Children in Need



■ PAINTED JOY: Avishayes schoolchildren enjoyed having spotty faces and wearing homemade Pudsey ears



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After leaving his well-known family business at Goose Slade Farm in East Coker and studying for an HND in Agricultural Management at Cannington College, Dan took his expertise and put together an ambitious business plan for the future of Whitney Farm. In 2007 Dan and Sarah applied with approximately 60 other ambitious young farmers and were successful in being offered the tenancy by the council. Dan said "I was really pleased to be offered the opportunity to run my own farm in Somerset. It is a really difficult business to get into at my age."

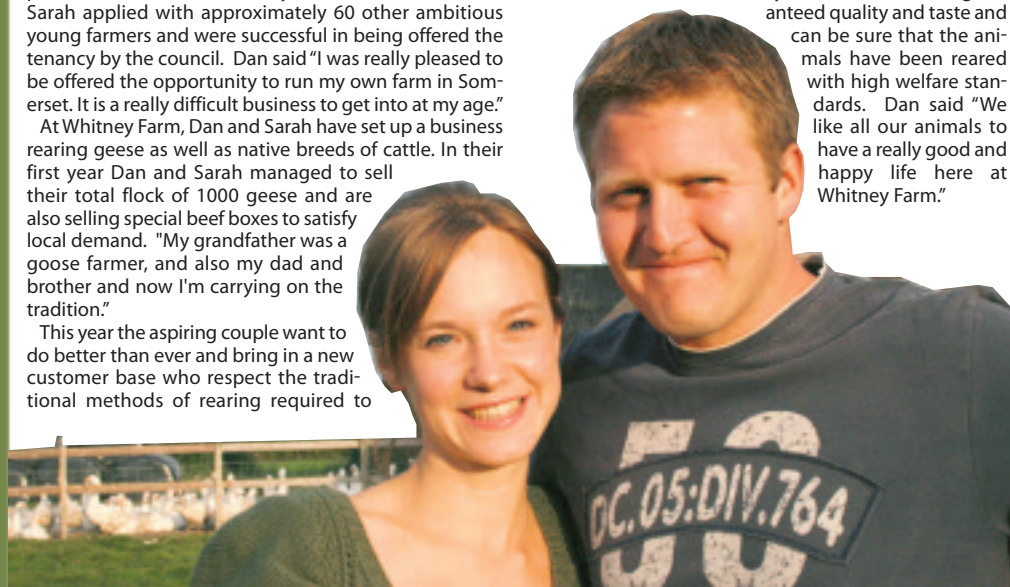
At Whitney Farm, Dan and Sarah have set up a business rearing geese as well as native breeds of cattle. In their first year Dan and Sarah managed to sell their total flock of 1000 geese and are also selling special beef boxes to satisfy local demand. "My grandfather was a goose farmer, and also my dad and brother and now I'm carrying on the tradition."

This year the aspiring couple want to do better than ever and bring in a new customer base who respect the traditional methods of rearing required to

produce such a tasty, healthy range of meat and poultry. Dan said: "I've been rearing geese my whole life so now I'm really pleased I'm able to rear my own. The geese from Whitney Farm are fed with locally grown corn and reared using traditional methods, everything here is free range and we can offer complete traceability."

Despite the rising cost of running a farm and the fact that goose feed has nearly doubled in price the Dunnings have held their goose prices to help those struggling in the current financial climate. By buying straight from

Whitney Farm, customers are guaranteed quality and taste and can be sure that the animals have been reared with high welfare standards. Dan said "We like all our animals to have a really good and happy life here at Whitney Farm."





■ **PREDICTING A RIOT:** Teachers Robert Hobhouse and Mark Buswell sing a Kaiser Chiefs number



■ **LOVE DUET:** Headteacher David Derbyshire and his deputy Christine Jackson sing *You're the One That I Want* from *Grease*



■ **MR COOL:** Headteacher David Derbyshire in Robert Palmer guise, singing *Addicted to Love*



... and teachers rock at Wadham fundraiser

WADHAM School in Crewkerne raised an incredible £875 for Children in Need with a day of activities culminating in a teachers' karaoke session, which the pupils paid to watch.

The day was treated as an exercise in business and enterprise skills and students held a Dragon's Den type event with eight teams competing with their fundraising ideas.

The Dragons came from Augusta

Westland, Ariel cars, Connexions, the Home Cinemas Service and the school's business manager. There was leg waxing and doughnut eating at break-time and during lunch there was Guitar Hero, and stalls selling cakes and Pudsey quizzes in the hall.

Outside students admired an Ariel Atom courtesy of company director Simon Saunders, and an E-Type Jaguar belonging to John Lockyer, which students paid to have their photo taken in.

Everyone had a great day and the teachers sang their hearts out to a range of music from rock to the blues in front of a packed hall. There were even some standing ovations.



■ **COMPETING FOR CUSTOM:** Wadham students with their Pudsey wares



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■ **ANOTHER** School to have Pudsey spots was Buckland St Mary Primary School where they held a cake stall and a non-uniform Children in Need day, raising around £150.

Joshua Lee also held a stall showing the Pudsey Bear merchandise and took orders to add to the collection.

Headteacher Sue English said: "This is a tremendous amount for such a small school. The children and parents have given such a lot and we are very proud of everyone's efforts."

They also held a contest for the best decorated large cake, prizes went to Charlotte, Emma and Henry Colvin for their Bear Cake, and Ben and Lauren Fenton for their Children in Need Cake.

The cupcake winners were Emily Retter and Joshua Lee, both of whom made spotty cakes. Joshua Lee was also awarded a Children in Need annual for all of his hard work in organising the Children in Need day at the school.



Staff raise £150 for riding charity

COUNTRYWIDE in Crewkerne held a one day discount for their customers with a free hog roast in the evening and held a draw and had collection boxes to raise money for Riding for the Disabled.

Marie Parker from the Chard branch of the charity joined them for the day and was delighted with

the £150 raised.

Staff members paid a forfeit to dress up for the day and Janet Wyatt and Anna Medley would like to thank everyone who supported the charity.

Pictured are Countrywide staff and Marie Parker from Riding for the Disabled.

Wrapping room and storage solution this Christmas

LOPEN Storage Company at Lopen Business Park is offering a child-free space for frazzled parents to get their Christmas present wrapping done in secret and then stored safely until the big day.

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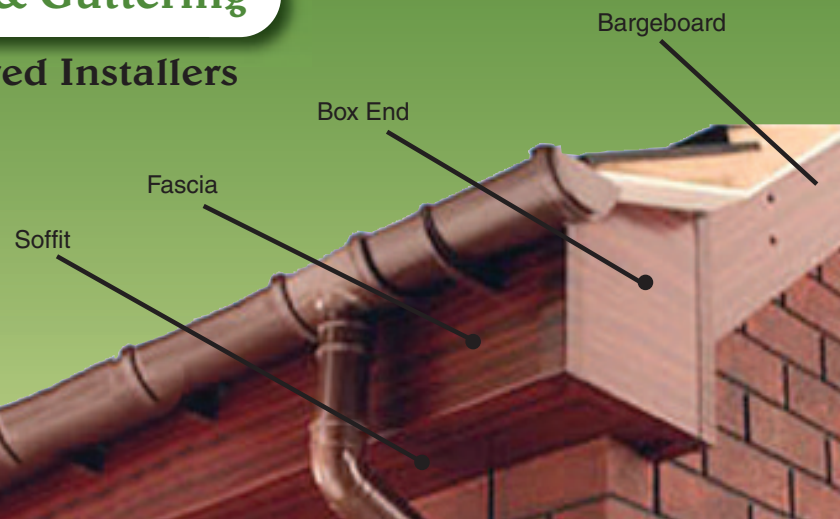
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PETHERTON Arts Trust, which owns and runs the popular, and entirely self-supporting, David Hall Performing Arts Centre in South Petherton, has appointed a new chairman.

Anne Shirley, who has lived in Petherton for 33 years, takes over from retiring chairman Tony Charman, just weeks after Petherton Arts Trust (PAT) celebrated its 21st anniversary with a sell-out programme of special events. She has been on the Board of Trustees at The David Hall for five years.

Mrs Shirley was involved in the South Petherton Folk Festival from 1978 for a total of 12 years, variously as the editor of the programme and organiser of the craft stalls and said: "I regularly attended the local folk club in those days so I came to Petherton Arts Trust with a folky background though definitely not as a musician."

PAT also has two new trustees - as well as Iain Wilkinson, Chairman of Petherton Picture Show and a former member of PAT, who has returned to the board. The new members are Kate Vanovitch, from South Petherton, and Tom Davies, who lives in Cossington.

PAT is now in the process of completing a first-floor meeting room to enable even wider use of the venue.



■ **GOOD COMPANIONS:** Crewkerne short mat bowls teams congratulate their oldest member, George Cooper

Bowlers spring a birthday surprise

CREWKERNE Short Mat Bowls Club held a special tea party at their Thursday afternoon session in the Henhayes Centre on November 18th.

One of their members, George Cooper, had just celebrated his 90th birthday and the group decided to add their own congratulations by surprising him with a cake when they broke for tea.

Mr Cooper, who is also known locally as the oldest Scout in Crewkerne, said he had been given a family party already which had quite worn him out but he enjoyed blowing out some more candles nevertheless.

He added that he had received 47 cards and over £130 in donations to the Children's Hospice South-west, in lieu of presents.



■ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** George blows out his second lot of candles

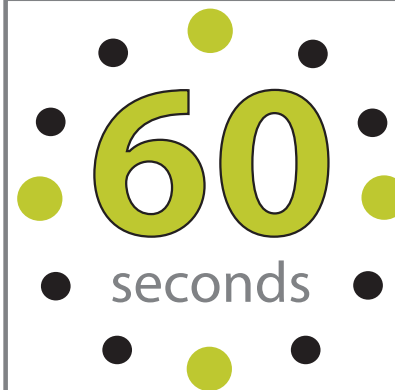
Remember a loved one at Christmas

STARTING at the Christmas lighting up ceremony in Crewkerne, AJ Wakely and Sons funeral directors are launching a special memory tree which will be displayed in their window on the corner of Abbey Street.

For a minimum donation of 50p anyone can write a message of remembrance to a loved one at Christmas on a gold star which will be hung from the tree.

All monies raised will go to Crewkerne Hospital League of Friends to help purchase new equipment and items of comfort for the patients.

AJ Wakely and Son will stay open on the evening of the big light up for anyone who would like to participate in the memory tree and after that anyone can go in during normal business hours up until Christmas.



ANIMAL lover Leslye Stansfield moved to Crewkerne with second husband David when they retired over 13 years ago.

In her working life she commuted to London daily in her job with Berkshire County Council social services department.

Like many in retirement, Leslye finds her just as busy as when she was working, both in her leisure activities and volunteer work as a member of the Yeovil and District branch of Cats Protection who endeavour to rehome over 100 cats per year in the Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster area. Leslye is a founder member of the local University of the Third Age through which she continues her love of dancing as part of the folk dance group.

Leslye hasn't quite got nine lives but having bounced back from divorce and breast cancer she is very content with her second life and enjoys nothing more than a purring cat on her lap.

● **WHAT do you like about Crewkerne?**

I love the area, the fact that it's not twee but a down to earth market town and although people complain about the traffic, having come from Berkshire this is nothing and friends who visit comment how quiet it is. I also love the fact that it is so easy to get to the sea and the moors and the people are so friendly, we settled in in no time.

● **HOW did you meet David?**

WE met through a dating agency, he had been widowed for about six years and I had been divorced for about the same amount of time. I went on holiday with some girlfriends and one of them had joined this agency called Stepping Out. With my love of dancing I liked the name but it was a year later before I tried it. David was the first man I met, I was about the 50th woman he had dated.

● **HAVE you always danced?**

Since I was four, took ballet and tap but then during my O levels my PE teacher said ballet was what little girls did and I should do something more serious so I stopped for a while. Then when I was 18 I began doing keep fit dancing and strangely enough got my first grant to go on a training weekend from The Central Council of Physical Recreation in Crewkerne, now Sport England. At 21 I started teaching in the evenings, but now I am happy just to be in a group and enjoy it, without the organising.

● **IS folk dancing all you do at U3A?**

I was a founder member and on the committee for two years but now it has got so big, I enjoy just going to classes.

● **HOW did you get involved with Cats Protection?**

I had joined when I was in Berkshire but didn't do much as I hadn't much time. When we moved here they put me in touch with the local branch who asked me to take over as publicity officer and found many of my skills from the adoption agency were useful as I deal with similar, caring types of people. Now I also edit the monthly newsletter Cat Chat, we send out over 200 by post and even have subscriber in Spain and Australia.

● **ARE there many cats waiting for rehoming?**

At the moment we have 30 plus cats and an even longer list of ones waiting to come into care. We are not a rescue

centre we are a re-homing charity and take in strays and unwanted cats. There are nine foster carers, some of whom have chalets in their gardens and some use their spare rooms.

● **WHAT kind of help do you need for the cats?**

People can really help by donating food, the Co-op are very good and we have collection boxes in Crewkerne Chard and Ilminster. Financial donations are always welcome and although it is a national charity, our local branch is independently run by volunteers so all the money stays local. I have an army of ladies who knit blankets and people donate wool and bric-a-brac for our sales. There are also people who bake cakes for our monthly fairs. We hold them in various places and since the Henhayes Centre opened we go there twice a year.

● **DO you both help with the charity work?**

David runs the lost and found website which we sponsor personally, he updates it daily and has over 200 hits a week. Our lost and found team reunited 97 cats with their owners last year. There was one cat that was micro chipped and had come from Wolverhampton in a van. Micro chipping is so important, along with neutering, and the charity helps people on benefits with vouchers.

● **WHY do cats end up homeless?**

It is a common misconception that cats will fend for themselves and people will move and leave the cat behind but when we pick up strays, they are always full of fleas and worms. Others come to use because someone has died or gone into a nursing home or they have moved to a house near a road. We have a foster couple who are near a road and used to have their own cats, they now have a chalet in the garden.

● **IF someone wants to home a cats do they pay?**

We are supposed to charge a set fee of £50 but prefer to ask for a donation. The cats leave us vaccinated, de-flea'd, microchipped and wormed which costs about £150. Kingfisher Vets are fantastic, they do all our work. If a cat has special needs, like medication for the rest of its life, we foot the bill for that too. Some of them are old, we have one at the moment, Mr D'Arcy who is about 15 and just wants a lap to curl up on.

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Mum launches foundation for her horse boy

SOMETHING different is happening at a stables near Chard where internationally renowned author Rupert Isaacson paid a visit this week.

Mother of three, Liliás Ahmeira, moved her family to Scampton Farm, Wadeford just eight-weeks ago after a meeting with Mr Isaacson turned her life on its head.

She watched his film *The Horse Boy*, about his journey through Mongolia with his autistic son who had developed a special connection with horses.

The therapy of being with the animals caused him to regain his speech and re-connect to the world in a way that the medical profession thought would never happen.

The discovery of this phenomena led to the setting up of The Horse Boy Foundation, which works with children not only in the autistic spectrum but those who have other emotional issues.

Liliás Ahmeira had spent the last ten years gaining an international reputation at the cutting edge end of complementary therapy and energy medicine, with a respected practice and patients referred by Harley Street.

She had been searching for solutions to the environmental reasons for the autism in her own son, the middle of her three boys, and is now a spokesperson at international conferences on autism.

Seeing *The Horse Boy*, and the trauma that Rowan Isaacson had gone through, and the calming influence the horse had on him, struck

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a very emotional chord with her. Encouraged by partner Adam, she approached Rowan's father Rupert and told him she wanted to use her knowledge and follow his lead.

Having previously been a dressage and three day eventing champion for 20 years, she was in a unique position of having clinical knowledge, horse experience and being the parent of an autistic child to enable her follow *The Horse Boy* Foundation methodology.

With hardly a backward glance she took the plunge and moved from Aberdeen to Wadeford to set up Special Horses for Special Children.

Her aim is to create a charity which enables families to come to her farm, stay in yurts and work with the horses so they can have a complete experience.

She has been told she needs £6,000 to be registered as a charity, money she cannot spare at this stage as she digs into her own savings to set up the foundation.

Having been told by a doctor that her son would never achieve, Liliás said it was the best thing anyone could have said because it made her get the bit between her teeth and prove them wrong.

She was adamant that all children were special and no boundaries should be put on any child.

She wants her charity to not just to help autistic children but any child that has emotional issues, whether it be anger due to family

break up, problems at school, bereavement or trauma.

This is different work to *Riding for the Disabled*, aimed at those who are able bodied and offering more of a challenge. However, she has been offered full support from the director of *Riding for the Disabled*.

The last eight weeks have been a whirlwind, gathering six horses and all the equipment, including imported American saddles in synthetic material light enough for the ponies.

Not having been on a horse herself for 20 years, Liliás has also had to put her body through its paces with a crash course from expert Janine Pendlebury to get her back up to speed.

She wants to do dressage and circus tricks with the children.

When Rupert Isaacson said he would come for two days to endorse her venture, Liliás said she was honoured.

Holding a workshop for her and a small group of other interested trainers from across the country, including Emma Shearing, originally from Merriott, Mr Isaacson stressed the importance of being led by the needs of the child and demonstrated how lying on a bare backed horse, both forwards and backwards, smelling it and relaxing on it without the animal walking, was immensely calming.

He explained how this sensory experience with the pony allowed physical contact with a child that may not have allowed touch before, leading to the parent being able to perform



■ THE HORSE BOY METHOD: Rupert Isaacson demonstrates sensory work with Liliás Ahmeira and her youngest son George

soothing and gentle massage to their back and legs.

The whole experience was aimed to de-stress the family unit. He said 82 per cent of marriages with an autistic child,

dissolve.

Most of the experienced riders assembled that they had never spent such quiet, intimate time with their mounts and as each tried the method in

turn, they realised its benefit.

This was an essential part of the training which will be used at Special Horses for Special Children.

Liliás is anxious to get

her unique charity up and running as soon as possible and said she hoped to open officially in January.

Meanwhile she would love to go and talk to local groups about her

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■ **ON GO THE LIGHTS:** The Mayor of Ilminster Councillor Richard Beardon with MC Charles Clark, of Greenslade Taylor Hunt



■ **READY TO WEAR:** Lynette Taylor, Andy Tuffin and Sam Beech in Harriman's



■ **TRADITIONAL TEA:** Dan Runceman, Sarah Calhaen and Lucy Tunc

Ilminster's festive step back in time

WAY before the Christmas lights were due to be switched on, crowds began to gather in the centre of Ilminster for Victorian Evening.

Shopkeepers who were trying to close for a few minutes to change into their costumes found more people coming through the

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doors. The evening was dry but seasonably crisp and everyone was full of smiles and anticipation as Elvis (Barry Paull) sang Blue Christmas in the Market House.

The Lions were doing a roaring trade with their

mulled wine and there was a great atmosphere with fair rides and carols being played by HMS Heron Volunteer Band in the Market House with the Salvation Army outside the Dolphin. Father Christmas held court in the

Square 1 Brasserie. For one young lady there was double excitement - Caitlin Parsons was five - and jolly Santa sang her happy birthday.

The winner of the best dressed Christmas window this year was Town and Country with their Father Christmas Coming Down the Chimney. The choice

was made by Greenfylde School pupils Jessica Canning and Matthew Adams, with their headteacher John Jeffrey. Bilbys took second place and St Margaret's Hospice shop was third.

The Christmas lights were turned with great enthusiasm by the Mayor of Ilminster, Councillor Richard Beardon, after the traditional countdown by the crowd led by Charles Clark, of Greenslade Taylor Hunt. The town looked really festive, a great tribute to the hard work of the committee.



■ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM SANTA:** Caitlin Parsons celebrating her fifth birthday with a visit to Father Christmas and elves Tamsin and Antonia Forde in Square 1

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Staff at Chard's leading aromatherapy beauty salon are enjoying busy times as demand for beauty glitz and glamour grows in anticipation of office Christmas parties and New Year celebrations.

Salon owner Liz Trigg said "We are really looking forward to the season's festivities – everyone is so excited! We have some fantastic offers and a great choice of treatments available ranging from

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One offer that is sure to prove particularly popular is 3 Spray Tans for £50, a great idea for parties as groups of friends can pop into the salon for a group spray-tan session! In addition to treatments Serenity also have Gift Packs and Vouchers available for those who are unsure what to buy or simply looking for stocking fillers.

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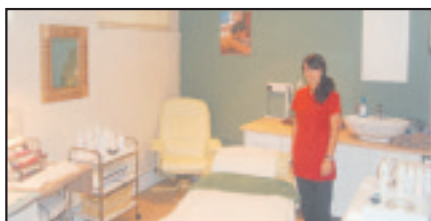
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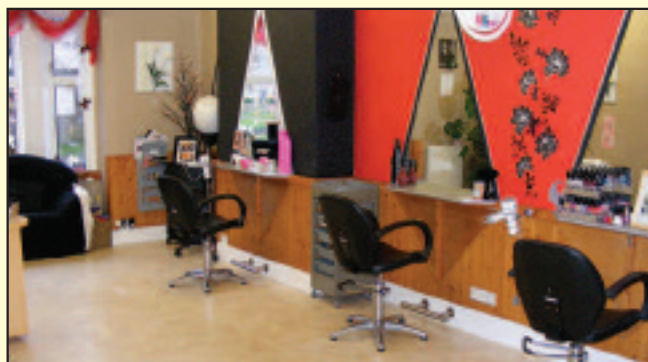
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What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

by Sara Loveridge



THE successful Ilminster Victorian Evening in November kicked off the countdown to Christmas in style. It was great to see so many people in town for the switching on of the Christmas lights. At IAC the mulled wine flowed while visitors tucked into mince pies and enjoyed carols performed by 'Airs and Graces'. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped raise funds for the arts centre. It has been a difficult year for us but thanks to the generosity of many people who have donated their time and money we look set to start the New Year with a more positive outlook.

For great gift ideas we've got it all wrapped up. In the Main Gallery we have the **Christmas Collection** from Monday, November 29th. Supported by SAW, this varied and irresistible collection by local artists and makers presents the perfect opportunity to buy that unique gift for someone special. Alongside regular exhibitors, this year we welcome first appearances of ceramics by Lucy Brown, textiles by Myumi and small sculptures by Jo Luckstead. Meanwhile a selection of abstract paintings by Andrea Rowbotham form **Truth** in the Café Gallery. The artist has produced work that responds to a personal journey undertaken during a solitary week walking and climbing in Wales. The emotive results represent a visual paradox of landscape and body inspiring a mood of reflection as the year draws to a close. Both exhibitions run until December 23rd ('Truth' will continue in the New Year from January 4th-15th).

Our **Local Craft and Produce Market** takes place on Saturday, December 4th. Browse a selection of crafts from local makers and tasty produce from local farms - a great way to stock up on goodies for Christmas. If you are interested in having a stall, bookings are now being taken for next year.

Quality products from Somerset feature in **Wrapped 2010** on Saturday 11th. With handmade jewellery, hair accessories, home furnishings, leather goods, soaps, antiques and vintage items all on offer why not also get something

'wrapped' up for yourself!

Spend a relaxing evening with **Just Music** on Friday 3rd December. Enjoy wonderful renditions of popular classics including Greensleeves, Chanson de Matin, Warsaw Concerto, and Entr'acte from Carmen, plus many more played by experienced Somerset flautist Adelaide Brown, and versatile pianist Carole Anne Wells who "radiates a warmth and accessibility when performing and talking about music".

Local author David Sutcliffe will be signing copies of his new book **The Keys of Heaven** on Saturday, December 18th from 10.30am-12noon. Sutcliffe, from Isle Abbots near Ilminster has written the first biography of Revd Charles Marson, erstwhile vicar of Hambridge. Marson is well-known in folk circles as the partner of Cecil Sharp in the collection of Somerset folk songs during the early 1900s, and together, they kick-started the English Folk Revival.

Christmas Lunches take place on Wednesday, December 15th and 22nd. For menu options and to book give us a call.

Tickets are now available for **Maiestra** on Monday, January 3rd 2011. Arisa Fujita leads a quartet of top-level post-graduate students from the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. Mozart's final quartet and Tchaikovsky's hauntingly beautiful first quartet are complemented exquisitely by Ravel's only work in the genre. This concert is supported by The Aidan Woodcock Foundation.

The arts centre re-opens after Christmas on Tuesday 4th January. See our website for more information about events coming up in the New Year and look out for our new brochure which will be available soon.

**Ilminster Arts Centre at The Meeting House,
East Street, Ilminster. TA19 0AN.
Box Office: 01460 54973.
Information: 01460 5783.
www.themeetinghouse.org.uk.**

Going Out Gigs



IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

LEGENDARY 80s electro stars **The Human League** play at Bristol's Colston Hall on Friday, December 3rd from 8pm (doors open 7pm). Tickets cost £27.50 and are available by calling www.colstonhall.org.

Winter opening at Forde Abbey



FORDE Abbey Gardens are open daily throughout the year from 10am with last admission at 4.30pm. From the 4th November until the 12th December there is FREE entry to the gardens on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays allowing you to explore the gardens, sustain yourself with delicious home-cooked lunches and cakes in the tearoom and then do a little Christmas shopping in the Gift Shop. At other times the gardens only are open and there is

a charge using an 'honesty box' system.

The winter months are an ideal time to see the architectural features of the garden that are hidden by leaves and plants at other times of the year. The cascade of lakes, a relic of the early 18th century landscaping put in place by Sir Francis Gwyn, owner and Secretary of State at War to Queen Anne, can really only be fully appreciated at this time of the year. There are also a number of statues in the garden that are more prominent in the winter months.

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An evening of popular classics played by experienced Somerset flautist Adelaide Brown, and versatile pianist Carole Anne Wells who "radiates a warmth and accessibility when performing and talking about music". (Times Educational Supplement)

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION in the Main Gallery
Monday 29th November - Thursday 23rd December
Open Daily (except Sunday). Free entry.

A varied and irresistible collection by local artists and makers and a great opportunity to buy that unique present in time for Christmas. Several artists have exhibited previously but there will also be first appearances of ceramics by Lucy Brown, textiles by Myumi and small sculptures by Jo Luckstead.

TRUTH in the Cafe

Monday 29th November - Thursday 23rd December
(Continues Tuesday 4th-15th January 2011)

Artist Andrea Rowbotham's current work reflects and responds to a solitary week walking and climbing in Wales. Her work is abstract and represents a visual paradox of landscape and body.

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Going Out Theatre

Tiptoe through the tombstones

"TIPTOE Through The Tombstones", performed by South Petherton Combined Arts Society Drama Group, is the second of Norman Robbins play based around the Tomb family and is set in the family home Monument House.

When the family get together to find out some thing to there advantage strange things start to happen and one by one people are "disposed of" Who is behind all of this? How many will be left alive at the end? and who is the Clown?

All will be revealed at the David Hall, South Petherton between the November 24th-27th, from 7.30pm each night.

Tickets are £7/£6 available from N&D News, South Petherton and The David Hall (telephone 01460 240340 or visit www.thedavidhall.org.uk).



Forthcoming Events in Chard Guildhall

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Every Wednesday 7:30 pm to 9:15 pm
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Song workshop for all "if you can speak you can sing"
Come and join us

Wednesday 8th and 22nd December 10:30 am to 12:30 noon
MEMORY CAFE
Friendly and informal gathering for information, support and Social contact for people affected by dementia

Every Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
ANTIQUES FAIR
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Saturday 11th December 10.00 am - 11.00 am
COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY

Saturday 11th December 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
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Food with Richard Coles

WITH Christmas just around the corner, you might be giving consideration to which gift to buy that Foodie loved one. National retailers, from supermarkets to department stores, have multiple over wrapped and under required items, all of which would seldom seem profitable in the average kitchen at any other time of year, but somehow seem to shift in vast quantities at Christmas.

Yet putting aside the mystery of why some of us flash 20 pound notes for brittle brûlée torches, which we just know will be pushed to the back of their cupboard with the coming of the January diets, I would like to encourage you to make an investment in a present worth every penny this year. If your beloved Foodie is yet to own one, then please buy them a preserving pan.

About £40 should be enough to secure a suitable example, and while by no means a snivelling sum it will at least furnish your friend with something to literally last a lifetime. Mine goes back two generations, and I see no reason why it should not go on two more.

The well apportioned, heavy based preserving pan opens up a whole host of Saturday afternoon possibilities at different stages of the year. The new owner will be able to make the most of the all too short Seville Orange season as they join me and many others in the January production of marmalade (a better cure to the late winter blues,

I cannot offer).

Then, as spring approaches, the bountiful offering of elderflower may be reaped in order to produce enough cordial to last a year. As the seasons continue to roll on, a host of jams - loganberry, raspberry and blackberry, for example - can be satisfyingly concocted upon the hob, along with those jellies to compliment the years' meat dishes - such as rose hip, apple and mint or redcurrant.

With autumn comes the chutney, with my favourites being plum, green tomato and elderberry (the bounty superseded by those elderflower heads untouched for cordial!).

Finally, of course, we come full circle as your gift will could be the perfect piece of kitchenalia to host of worthy quantity of mulled cider in 12 months time.

The preserving pan is, in all honesty, one of the most treasured items in my cupboard, and one I am totally confident will be passed to the next generation, along with the traditions and skills of producing fine preserves. So if it is something useful for the kitchen he or she really wants

email: rgcoles@me.com

then why not look past the pseudo-chic boxes beloved of mainstream present pushers and get them something which will both preserve and be preserved.



Going Out Film
This week's new releases

BRITISH crime drama **London Boulevard**¹⁸ sees a reclusive film star (Keira Knightley) hire a London criminal (Colin Farrell) who was recently released from prison, to be her bodyguard and handyman, and she subsequently falls for him.

Featuring Ray Winstone in a familiar role as a cockney crime boss, Anna Friel as Farrell's sister and Stephen Graham as a detective, and directed by William Monahan (Kingdom of Heaven, The Departed), London Boulevard has all the credentials of the Best of British cinema.

The American¹⁵, directed by legendary music photographer Anton Corbijn (U2, Depeche Mode, Joy Division), sees assassin Jack (George Clooney) take on one last job - and as you might expect, not all goes to plan.

Alone among assassins, Jack is a master craftsman. When a job in Sweden ends more harshly than expected for this American abroad, he vows to his contact Pavel that his next assignment will be his last. Jack reports to the Italian countryside, where he holes up in a small town and relishes being away from death for a spell. The assignment, as specified by a Belgian woman, Mathilde, is in the offing as a weapon is constructed. Surprising himself, Jack seeks out the friendship of local priest Father Benedetto and pursues romance with local woman Clara. But by stepping out of the shadows, Jack may be tempting fate.

ON the assassin theme, Danny Trejo stars in **Machete**¹⁸.

The highly skilled Federale Machete (Trejo) is hired by some unsavoury types to assassinate a senator (Robert De Niro). But just as he's about to take the shot, he notices someone aiming at him and realises he's been set up. He barely survives the sniper's bullet, and is soon out for revenge on his former employers, with the reluctant assistance of his brother Padre Cortez (Cheech Marin), who has become a priest and taken a vow of non-violence.

Other notable cast members include Steven Seagal, Jessica Alba and Lindsay Lohan.



LONDON LOVE | Keira Knightley and Colin Farrell star in London Boulevard

CINEMA LISTINGS

Friday, November 26th - Thursday, December 2nd

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Despicable Me in 3D^U

Sat & Sun: 10.00

Due Date¹⁵

Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.15, 15.30,
17.45, 20.20

Sat & Sun: 20.20

Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows part 1^{12A}

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.15, 13.00,

13.45, 14.30, 15.00, 15.45,
16.30, 17.15, 18.00, 18.30,
19.15, 20.00, 20.45, 21.30,
22.00, 22.45

Sat & Sun: 9.30, 11.15, 11.45,

12.15, 13.00, 13.45, 14.30,
15.00, 15.45, 16.30, 17.15,
18.00, 18.30, 19.15, 20.00,
20.45, 21.30

Excl Sun: 12.15

London Boulevard¹⁸

Daily: 12.30, 15.15, 18.15,
21.00

Marmaduke^U

Sat & Sun: 10.15

Megamind in 3D^{PG}

Sat & Sun: 10.45, 11.30, 13.15,
15.30, 17.45

Toy Story 3 2D^U

Sat & Sun: 11.00

Unstoppable^{12A}

Daily: 13.45, 16.15, 18.45,
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15.00, 15.40, 16.20, 17.00, 17.40,
18.20, 19.00, 19.40, 20.20, 21.00,
21.40

Sat & Sun: 11.00, 11.40, 12.20,
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16.20, 17.00, 17.40, 18.20, 19.00,
19.40, 20.20, 21.00, 21.40

Skyline¹⁵

Fri, Mon-Thu: 20.50

Due Date¹⁵

Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.00, 16.30, 19.00,
21.20
Sat & Sun: 21.20

Despicable Me in 3D^U

Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.40, 16.00

Sat & Sun: 10.45

Jackass 3D¹⁸

Fri, Mon-Thu: 18.30

Megamind in 3D^{PG}

Sat & Sun: 11.30, 12.30, 13.50,
14.40, 16.10, 18.45, 21.00

Megamind in 2D^{PG}

Sat & Sun: 10.40, 13.15, 15.50,
18.10

London Boulevard¹⁸

Daily: 14.00, 16.30, 19.10, 21.35
excl: Sat & Sun: 14.00

Machete¹⁸

Daily: 14.10, 16.40, 19.20, 21.40
Unstoppable^{12A}

Daily: 13.30, 16.10, 18.40, 21.10
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.10

Despicable Me in 2D^U

Sat: 13.45, Sun: 11.30, 13.45

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore^U

Sat: 10.10

Toy Story 3 in 2D^U

Sat: 10.00

Alvin and the Chipmunks 2: The Squeakuel^U

Sat: 10.20

Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows Part 1^{12A}

Daily: 16.30, 20.00, Plus Sat & Sun: 13.00

It's Complicated¹⁵

Thursday: 10.30am SILVER SCREEN

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26TH

TATWORTH: Film - 'Letters To Juliet' at the Memorial Hall, from 8pm (doors 7:30pm). Organised by T&F Movies. Telephone 01460 220198 for more information.

DONYATT: Heritage Theatre perform *A Little Nonsense* - a look at what has made people laugh through the ages; in prose verse and songs, from 7pm for 7:30pm. Join in the choruses! Enjoy a 2 course supper, included in the £8 ticket price. Available by calling 01460 53879 or from Horton Post Office. Proceeds to the Hall Improvement Fund.

DONYATT: Heritage Theatre perform 'A Little Nonsense' at Donyatt Village Hall from 7pm for 7:30pm start. Tickets £8 includes 2 course supper. Telephone 01460 53879 for more details.

CHARD: Charity Salsa evening at the Windwhistle Inn, Cricket St Thomas. Beginners lesson at 8pm taken by Mr Salsa the free dancing until 12midnight.

CREWKERNE: Singing Workshop in the Speedwell Hall, Abbey Street from 7.30-9.30pm. Cost £4.50, £3 concs. Refreshments included. No need to be and experienced singer or to read music. Telephone 01457 855067 or 07902 354074 for more details.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27TH

SEAVINGTON: Christmas Bazaar at the Millennium Hall, Water Street, from 9am-12:30pm. Organised by the Seavington Playing Field Association. Telephone 01460 240353 for more information.

DOWLISH WAKE: Christmas Bazaar at Speke Hall, from 10:30am-1pm. Telephone 01460 52499 for more info.

CHARD: Cash Prize Bingo at Crowshute House, eye down 7.15pm, telephone 01460 63525 for more details.

MERRIOTT: Merriott Church Christmas Bazaar, including Father Christmas visiting, at the Village Hall from 10.30am - 3.30pm. Food served all day. Telephone 01460 72704 for more details.

HINTON ST GEORGE: Christmas Fayre at Hinton St George School from 1pm - 3.30pm. Don't miss Santa drop in by helicopter on the school field at 1pm. Enjoy the Christmas Market with a great range of gift ideas from food to cards, and handmade clothes and jewellery. Also wreath ordering, soup, cakes and refreshments and LOTS of activities for children including a visit to Santa's Grotto! All in aid of Hinton St George First School and Pre-School.

MISTERTON: Christmas Fayre at Misterton WI Hall, Middle Street (10-2pm). Refreshments/light lunches, stalls, tombola, home bak, bric-a-brac, crafts etc. Free entry. Telephone 01460 74982 for more details.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

MERRIOTT: Talk and demonstration by Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers, Ilminster on 'Christmas Floral Arrangements', at the Tithe Barn, Church Street, from 7:30pm. Organised by Merriott Gardening Club. All welcome. Telephone 01460 72298 for more information.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1ST

TATWORTH: Talk on Bristo Blue Glass at the Brewer Room, Memorial Hall, from 2:30pm. Organised by Tatworth & Forton RAG Active Living. Telephone 01460 220198 for more information.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2ND

CREWKERNE: Christmas Bingo at The Henhayes Centre, South Street Car Park, doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Telephone 01460 75025 for more details.

FRIDAY 3RD & SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER

CREWKERNE: Christmas Concert at the Victoria Hall, from 7:30pm. Tickets £5 each (to include mulled wine and

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH

WHITELACKINGTON: Table Top & Jumble Sale at the Village Hall, from 10am-1pm. Disabled access. To book a table, call 01460 55690.

SOUTH PETHERTON: Annual Christmas Bazaar with bric-a-brac at the Blake Hall, from 10am-12noon. Organised by Ilminster Lions. Telephone 01460 241375 for more info.

ILMINSTER: Ilminster Forum Community Produce Market with bread, honey, preserves, fruit juice, eggs, pork, geese, fruit, vegetables, plants and herbs, all from local producers.

MERRIOTT: Christmas Skittles and one pot supper evening at The Kings Head. £7 (includes a prize for the highest lady and gent). Please book now on 01460 75025. All welcome.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Christmas Coffee Morning with grand raffle at the Heritage Centre, East Street, from 10am -12:30pm. All Welcome.

CREWKERNE: Wadham's Christmas Bazaar at Wadham School Hall, 10am - 3pm. Telephone 01460 270123 for more details.

YEOVILTON: St Margaret's Christmas Ball at the Wardroom, RNAS Yeovilton. Tickets £48 to include reception, three course dinner, cabaret by West End artistes, disco and lots more. Telephone 01935 709493 for more info.

WINSHAM: Christmas Fair including Christmas pressies and stocking fillers. At the Winsham Jubilee Hall from 10am - 1pm. Organised by Winsham Pre-School. Telephone 01460 432011 for more details.

Going Out Gigs

IN THE MARGINS



MAXIMO Park main man **Paul Smith** brings his solo show to Bristol's Thekla venue on Monday, November 29th, in support of his recently released debut solo album 'Margins'.

The show starts at 7pm, and tickets, costing £10, are available from seetickets.com

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Going Out Gigs

A GIG WITH WISE INTENTIONS

WISE Intentions (a local 3 piece all brothers band) are playing live at The Crown Inn, 12 West Street, Ilminster this Friday, November 26th, starting 9pm.

They will be playing a mixture of covers and their own material. Covers included will be from great bands such as: Green Day, Linkin Park, Muse, Avenged Sevenfold, The Offspring, Stereophonics, My Chemical Romance, Nickelback and more.

Their own material is a blend of melodic rock and indie, and has seen the brothers entered into 'The UK Songwriters Competition' in 2008, achieving semi-finalist positions with three of the four songs they entered, (with over 6200 entrants)

They have also recently written and released their new single 'To help Them' available to download on iTunes and Amazon mp3, with profits from the single being donated to the ShelterBox charity.

Crewkerne and District Twinning Association look forward to visit of French twins

THE Crewkerne and District Twinning association are now looking forward to June 2nd 2011 and planning the visit from France of there twin towns of Igny and Bures Sur Yvette.

Also on Thursday, December 2nd a Christmas Bingo has been arranged with a surprise caller. Good christmas prizes and refreshments will be available. It is to be held at The Henhayes Centre, South Street Car-Park Crewkerne so plenty of parking available for everyone. Doors open 7pm for eyes down 7.30pm, all welcome.

On Saturday, December 4th a skittles and supper evening is being held at The Kings Head, Merriott, starting 7.30pm with prizes for the highest man and lady. Cost £ 7, and booking is essential on 01460 75025 - no later than Sunday, November 28th.

Going Out Gigs

Michael Bolton at Colston Hall



MICHAEL Bolton, with support from Mica Paris plays at Bristol's Colston Hall on Monday (November 29th) from 7.30pm.

Tickets are £39.50, and are available from their website www.colstonhall.org.

This week's CDs

WESTLIFE *Gravity*

BOYBAND turned manband Westlife are back and armed with uplifting pop and emotional ballads. The Irish heart-throbs make a stunning return with their eleventh studio album, *Gravity*.

JLS *Outta This World*

X FACTOR boy band sensations JLS are proving you don't have to win the show to be a success. The foursome go from strength to strength with their second studio album, *Outta This World*. Includes number one single, "The Club Is Alive."

JOSH GROBAN *Illuminations*

'ILLUMINATIONS' is the fantastic new album from American singer-songwriter Josh Groban. With legendary producer Rick Rubin crafting the sound, we get to hear the most intimate and natural side of Groban to date, and no surprise it's the best he's ever sounded.

This week's DVDs

RICKY GERVAIS *LIVE 4: SCIENCE*

THIS issue we take our pick of this year's stand up comedy DVDs, released this week in time for Christmas. Topping our list is Ricky Gervais who returns with his fourth live stand up show. When the TV sensation announced he was tackling the world of stand up comedy with Animals the whole comedy scene sat back waiting to watch him fail, he didn't. Still going strong his fourth show focuses, loosely, on the theme of science.

KEVIN BRIDGES: *THE STORY SO FAR*

Dubbed by many as the greatest comedian to come out of Scotland, since Billy Connolly, Kevin Bridges releases his debut DVD this week.

Filmed in front of a sold-out crowd of 10,000 fans, Kevin Bridges shows at the tender age of 23 he is already a master of the artform.

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Chard Annual Christmas Lights

Friday, 26th November 2010 from 6.00pm

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You will see seven new lights in addition to all of last year's displays, meaning all 21 poles in the town will be lit. There will also be eight new kinds of lights on the trees outside the Guildhall, which will be coloured in green and white.

The lights will be turned on by The Mayor of Chard Councillor Jill

Shortland, at the Guildhall, along with the Deputy Mayor Councillor Dave Bulmer, the Chard carnival princess and sponsors.

As well as the Christmas lights, there will be a number of other events in the town to mark the event, with Father Christmas in attendance. At 6pm Chard Majorettes are heading down from the Choughs followed by Father Christmas on a carnival float, and are due to arrive at the Guildhall at 6.20pm. After the switch on Father Christmas will go into the Guildhall and will stay there during the evening, meeting

children.

Inside the Guildhall will be more than 25 stalls in a Christmas Fair. On stage in the Guildhall, will be Chard Concert Brass Band performing Christmas carols all evening, together with choirs from the Rotary Club and CATS singing along. The Guildhall Café will be serving refreshments throughout the evening.

Joe Bray of Top Togs in Holyrood Street has been the driving force behind this year's lights and has had the full support of other businesses in the town.

Joe said: "I would like to thank every-

one. It would not have been possible without Ed Grabham putting the lights up at a vastly reduced cost. Phil Bennett from Somerset Highways gave us a lot of technical help.

"I'd also like to thank the generous donations of Toby from Springside Dental Practice and Mr and Mrs Cooper from the Gallery, as well as the invaluable support and generous financial help from the town Jill Shortland and for his terrific support, John Furze, the town clerk."

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Volkswagen has also announced revisions to the 2.0-litre TDI 170 PS engine fitted to the Scirocco GT, which result in fuel economy figures improving to 55.4 mpg from 53.3 mpg (50.4 to 51.4 DSG) and CO2 emissions reducing

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Fresh new look for 2011 Corsa

These are the first official shots of Vauxhall's Corsa, sporting its fresh new face, trims and colours ready for delivery to first UK customers in February next year.

The Corsa, Vauxhall's second best-selling model after the Astra, and a near-permanent fixture in the UK's top-three best sellers' list, has now adopted many of the premium styling cues from other recently launched Vauxhalls, such as the Insignia, Astra and Meriva.

Styled by Niels Loeb, Vauxhall/Opel's Chief Exterior Designer working in Brit, Mark Adams' design team, the new Corsa features a signature chrome bar, carrying the new Griffin badge, stretching across the front grille, while a re-styled front bumper with a more prominent, wider lower grille gives the Corsa a smiling appearance.

Framing the Corsa's new face are 'Eagle-Eye' headlamps, which have also made an appearance on the recently launched Meriva. The units have a chrome finish and include daytime running lights as standard across the range. New chrome-finished fog lamps and housings complete the picture at the front of the car.

Complementing the Corsa's fresh look are five new

exterior colours in the range. Lime Green pearlescent (see pic) and Chilli Orange metallic enhance the car's new look, with Guacamole (see pic) – a solid hue – completing the pallet of all-new Vauxhall colours. Sunny Melon (a bright yellow) makes a welcome return to the Corsa range, while Pepperdust metallic is carried across from the new Meriva range.

Vibrant new colours also dominate the Corsa's cabin, with seat trims such as Steel Blue and Tabasco Orange brightening the interior, accompanied by a range of different coloured door trims, centre consoles, air vent rings and door handles.

Also inside, is Vauxhall's new optional Touch & Connect multi-media system, which replaces the existing CD60 unit. Touch & Connect uses a five-inch touch screen display featuring both 2D and 3D maps for the navigation system, as well as a CD/tuner, aux-in, USB and Bluetooth mobile phone connectivity.

Outside, the new Corsa benefits from new 16-inch alloy wheels on both SE and SXi models, while the 192PS VXR receives the option of a new 18-inch alloy wheel, modelled on the design of the optional 20-inch wheel worn by the Insignia VXR.



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■ **BIG DAY:** Jamie Spurdle will skipper Crewkerne Town in the Division One Cup Final against Lyme Regis Reserves on January 3rd.

Updated cup draws

DIVISION ONE CUP - final; Crewkerne Town v Lyme Regis Reserves
To be played on January 3rd (venue to be confirmed).

SOMERSET JUNIOR - Round 3 (32)
Broad Plain House v Weston St Johns Sports Bar or Merriott Rovers, Bath Arsenal v South Petherton.

Beaminster FC Race night

BEAMINSTER FC are holding a Race Night at the Red Lion in Beaminster tonight. First race is 7.30pm, Race Card is £3 which includes a light supper.

Top Scorers

PREMIER: Scott Jennings (Merriott Rovers) 15, Marcus Alexander (South Petherton) 11, Jon Hayter (South Petherton) 10.

DIVISION ONE: Tim Hussey (Hawkchurch United) 16, Sam Dibling (Millwey Rise) 13, Paul Gold (Crewkerne Town), Stuart Packer (Perry St Res, inc 7 for Thorncombe), Kev Rowson (Perry Street Reserves), Simon Denslow (Crewkerne Rangers) 9.

DIVISION TWO: Alex Cottle (Uplyme), Dan Pyett (Beaminster Reserves) 12, Gavin Fowler (Uplyme), Josh Hunter (Beaminster Reserves) 11, Ross Picketts (Beaminster Reserves), Adam Neale (Uplyme) 9.

DIVISION THREE: Marco Quedas (Luso-Chard) 24, Aaron Hodges (Crewkerne Reserves), Ricky Smith and Neil Hawkins (both Misterton Reserves) 13, Adam Swinnerton (Crewkerne Res) 12.

DIVISION FOUR: Ashley Cooper (W & M Chinnock Res) 14, Dan Rudge (W & M Chinnock Reserves) 13, Jay Stewart (Combe B), 12.

(Excl Chard Hospital Cup).

Streets ahead

THE early season table-toppers;

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Petherton.....	7	7	0	0	36	7	21
Beaminster.....	8	7	0	1	25	5	21
Merriott Rovers.....	8	7	0	1	33	15	21

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham United	6	6	0	0	21	6	18
Millwey Rise	6	5	1	0	28	6	16
Netherbury	6	5	0	1	23	11	16

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beaminster Reserves	8	6	1	1	36	15	19
Crewkerne Rangers	10	5	2	3	29	26	17
Hinton.....	8	5	0	3	22	19	15

DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Misterton Reserves	8	8	0	0	35	12	24
Luso-Chard	10	7	0	3	48	17	21
Crewkerne Reserves	8	6	0	2	43	20	18

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hinton Reserves	9	7	1	1	37	16	22
W & M Chinn Res	8	6	0	2	49	17	18
Combe B.....	9	6	0	3	30	26	18

STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE
reporting on the
Perry Street League



Gunners up next for seven-goal Petherton

IT'S obviously going to take something special to prise South Petherton's grip from the Somerset Junior Cup.

Cup holders Pethy crushed the Parson St Old Boys 7-2 to move serenely into the last 32 where they have another away-day at Bath Arsenal - conquerors of Crewkerne Town in round one.

The other remaining PSL representatives Merriott Rovers made the trip to the seaside only to find their game with Weston St John's Sportsbar postponed - Rovers manager Martin Case was not a happy man! - the two teams will try for a third time on Saturday.

LEAGUE CUPS ROUND-UP

A SECOND-HALF Jamie Spurdle free-kick was enough to earn Crewkerne Town a place in the Division One Cup Final. Crewkerne became the first team this season to shut-out the Netherbury strike force as they won 1-0.

Standing between the The Tigers and the trophy on January 3rd will be Lyme Regis Reserves who surprisingly knocked-out the free-scoring Millwey Rise side 3-2 after extra-time at the Davey Fort.

As predicted in this column last week division three outfit Chard United did indeed give division two table-toppers Beaminster Reserves a run for their money before courageously going down 4-3 in extra-time in round one of the Daisy Hutchings Cup.

Meanwhile hat-tricks from Marco Quedas and Ricky Smith helped earn Luso-Chard (5-1 v West & Middle Chinnock Reserves) a place in round two.

They will be joined by the Crewkerne pair - Rangers and Town Reserves who saw off Waytown Hounds (4-2) and Lyme Bantams (3-2) respectively.

PREMIER

BARRINGTON welcome West & Middle Chinnock tomorrow buoyed by a 6-3 win over struggling Misterton last weekend.

Tom Perry struck twice for the Yellow Hammers who could close the gap on fifth placed Ilminster Reserves to just a point with a win.

There's an early season relegation six-pointed at Unity Lane tomorrow where Misterton welcome Combe Reserves with both sides still chasing their first league win of the season.

DIVISION ONE

A SPARKLING individual performance from Lee Goodland inspired Forton Rangers to a fine 5-1 win over Thorncombe.

Goodland struck four times for the Rangers (the first player to do so since Alex Thompson bagged five in a 6-0 win over Chard United in a Division One cup tie two years ago) who moved up a place to sixth ahead of tomorrow's trip to Charmouth.

Meanwhile Ilminster Colts, fresh from a routine 4-1 win over doomed Charmouth, become the latest team to attempt to bring an end to Winsham United's proud 100 per cent league record.

Norton will look to end a three game mini-slump when they visit Millwey Rise. They will do we to do so - the East Devon side are not likely to give up their well publicised 28-game unbeaten league run without a fight!

Crewkerne Town will look continue their quest for an instant return to the Premier division when they welcome Perry Street Reserves to Henhayes.

Tigers through to Div One Final

DIVISION TWO

THERE were goals aplenty in last weekend's two fixtures.

Dowlsh & Donyatt hammered seven past struggling Pymore and kept their first clean sheet of the campaign.

South Petherton Reserves went one better battering Chard Rangers 8-2 with manager Barry Kench getting in on the act with number eight after clambering off the bench.

Tomorrow's solitary game could be a cracker with Shepton Beauchamp, currently fifth, travelling to third placed Hinton. Both sides need a win to re-enforce their promotion ambitions.

DIVISION THREE

RYAN Hobby scored his fifth of the season as Combe A beat bottom of the table Winsham United Reserves 2-0. The Saints enter-



■ **FORTON RANGERS** pictured before the recent home defeat by Millwey Rise. Line-up, back row from left: Dave Fowler (manager), Dean Grinter, Matt Brown, Lee Richardson, Andy Stevenson, Craig Salter, Jon Smith, Chris Fowler, Steve Smith (linesman). Front: Mark Scott, Alan Mansell, Andy Dowling, Craig Harris, Ian Parsons.

tain fellow mid-tablers Chard United at Slades Cross tomorrow.

Runaway league leaders Misterton Reserves could extend their lead at the top to six points with a win at Farway United Reserves - that's if the East Devon pitch survives the forecast cold snap.

Crewkerne Town Reserves lock horns with Lyme Bantams for the second time in a week tomorrow.

The Tigers travel to Venlake with an opportunity to join Luso-Chard in joint second spot - but wary that last week's 3-2 cup win over the Seaside could have gone either way with both teams feeling they had per-

fectly good goals ruled out.

DIVISION FOUR

A DOUBLE from Dale Hutter, who took his tally to four in three, helped Chard Rangers Reserves end a seven game losing streak with a 3-1 win over fellow strugglers Hawkchurch Reserves. Rangers entertain Combe B at Jocelyn Park tomorrow.

At the other end of the table Mark Pearce and Ken Forbes both scored their eighth goals of the campaign as Hinton Reserves won 3-1 at Ilminster A to move four points clear at the top.

THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP

Round Two (2pm)
Weston St Johns Sportsbar v Merriott Rov

CORONATION CUP

Semi-finals (2pm)
Lyme Regis v Farway United
Perry Street v Ilminster Town Reserves

KENNY HODGES CUP

Round One (2pm)
Chard United Reserves v Thorncombe Res
Shepton Beauch Res v Waytown Hounds
W & M Chinnock Res v Barrington Reserves

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP

Round One (2pm)
Dowlsh v Uplyme
Forton Rangers Res v Winsham United Res
Ilminster Town A v Chard Rangers

PREMIER

Barrington v W & M Chinnock
Misterton v Combe Reserves

DIVISION ONE

Charmouth v Forton Rangers
Crewkerne v Perry Street Reserves

Millwey Rise v Norton Athletic
Netherbury v Thorncombe
Winsham United v Ilminster Town Colts

DIVISION TWO

Hinton v Shepton Beauchamp

DIVISION THREE

Combe A v Chard United
Farway United Res v Misterton Reserves
Lyme Regis Bantams v Crewkerne Town Res

DIVISION FOUR

Chard Rangers Reserves v Combe B

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Weekender Sport puts Winsham United Reserves' player-manager Richard White... **ON THE SPOT** - see page 31



RUGBY REVIEW

Crewkerne set to seek retribution

CREWKERNE were left quietly fuming after their local derby clash with Chard seconds at the weekend for, although they enjoyed a very discernable edge in the pack for most of the encounter, they could not turn this into points and, while they led 3-0 at the halfway stage via a Wil Draper penalty goal, they conceded two second half tries and were beaten by 13 points to three. Whatever else, this defeat has put them in the right frame of mind for their visit to TAUNTON thirds on Saturday next. This will be a close encounter for the home side lie just one point below the Henhayes brigade in the Somerset league Division Two (South). I think that Crewkerne might just take out last week's frustrations on the home side and feel that they might well win this one. They'll have to cut out those unforced errors though and be more clinical when taking the scoring opportunities that come their way. The CHARD first side for its part, goes on its merry and

By Keith Jenkin

successful way. Having demolished a game Stothert & Pitt outfit at the weekend; and moreover, played some very good rugby in doing so, they face another side from the mid table of the Somerset Premier Division in GORDANO. It would be foolish to predict anything other than a bonus point win for the Denning Field mob at this stage, but I would point out that the Bristol side were responsible for inflicting one of the two defeats suffered by Minehead Barbarians this season. Now the North Somerset side continue to press Chard hard for second place in the table and the game at Gordano could turn out to be a bit of a banana skin if Chard lose focus. I do not think that will happen but would warn against any complacency. After their narrow win against Crewkerne, Chard seconds have what is, on paper anyway, a much easier task. They take on Ivel Barbarians seconds at the Denning Field

and, as they lie in the division's second place while their opponents reside in the basement, would expect to win this one with some ease. A word of warning though! While Ivel seconds take part in the Somerset League set up, their first side plays in the Dorset & Wilts league Division One (South) and has no league fixture on Saturday next. Now it may well be that the Yeovil club have a cup involvement but, if not, their seconds will not lack quality substitutes. Down in division three, Chard thirds travel to Castle Cary seconds, a side which boasts a league record that is almost identical to theirs in the league this season. It looks as if this one will be close, with perhaps the Chard colts and dobbies edging the result at the end. FIXTURES 27th November: Chard v Gordano (away); Chard 2nd v Ivel Barbarians 2nd (home); Chard 3rd v Castle Cary 2nd (away); Crewkerne v Taunton 3rd (away).

Crewkerne Hermitage Badminton news

CREWKERNE pitched against Bishops Caundle in Division Two of the Tony Pryce Sports West Dorset Mixed League with Francis Chudley paired with Natalie Bailey. After a slightly slow start they won their first rubber by two games to one, then really got into their stride winning the remaining two rubbers 21-13, 21-10, and 21-17, 21-15. Helen Taylor, still playing with stand-in Martin Hooper, made slightly heavy weather of their games taking all three rubbers to three games but eventually proving victorious in all. The final pairing of new boy Ed Bradley and Abi Taylor just missed out on winning their first rubber when they lost the deciding game 21-19. A lack of experience saw them losing the second rubber but they bounced back winning the third 21-17, 21-16 which gave still undefeated Crewkerne a 7-2.

Golf fixtures

WINDWHISTLE: Tonight: Presentation night. Saturday - Ladies Stableford. Thursday - Ladies Stableford and Mens AGM.

CHEDINGTON: Saturday: Two-day Roll-up. Sunday - Mens Competition 8am - 11am and Ladies all day winter League. Tuesday - Seniors' St Andrews Day special event 8am - 9.30am. Thursday - Ladies Winter League 9.15am - 11.15am. Friday - Seniors 8am - 9.30am, tw-day roll-up.

Swimming news

CHARD & District Swimming club are scheduled to take part at Exeter on Sunday in a Level Three Open Meet. Meanwhile Maddie Ryder (pictured below) was in excellent form at the recent Level 1 South-West Regional Championships at Millfield Pool. The 15-year-old, swimming for Somerset Cheetas swim squad, achieved three South-West regional qualifying times in the 100M freestyle and also broke two open club records in 50M and 200M freestyle.



Maddie Ryder

FOOTBALL - SOMERSET SENIOR

CLARK RETURN LIFTS ROBINS' BOSS SHAW

By Howard Larcombe

A DOUBLE from Sam Clark in the 2-2 draw with Gillingham on Tuesday evening ensured Chard Town's stay at the very foot of the Toolstation Division One table was restricted to just 72 hours. Clark took his season's tally to 10 with his brace against the Gills as Chard clocked-up their sixth draw in the last 10 matches. This followed Saturday's 3-2 home defeat by Shepton Mallet when George Chlopecski scored twice before receiving a second yellow card as Chard staged a fightback after slipping 3-0 behind. Tomorrow the Robins turn their attention to the first round of the Les Phillips Cup and a trip to Bath to take on Premier Division title-chasers Larkhall Athletic. Manager Glynn Shaw has been encouraged by the return of West-super-Mare based striker Clark, he said: "Sam's about 90 per cent fit now, we've certainly missed him for the month he's been injured.

ILMINSTER TOWN

CHRIS Neziyanya's fourth hat-trick in the blue of Ilminster Town helped his side to eventually see-off Division Two (East) battlers Westfield 4-3 in round one of the Somerset Senior Cup on Saturday. Ilminster were never behind in the tie but were surprisingly taken to the extra-half hour by their plucky hosts. Carl Lazenby marked his return to full fitness following a cruciate knee ligament injury with the other blues' goal. Manager Darren Manley thought his side played in four quarters - two good and two bad! Tomorrow Manley and his side, currently fourth in the Somerset League division one table, return to league action when they entertain sixth placed Bishop Sutton Reserves at the Rec - by coincidence, the blues' opponents in the next round of the Somerset Senior Cup on December 18th. Jake Woodard is out, he is on holiday whilst there are doubts over the availability of Neziyanya and defender George Mapletoft. Some good news is the return of Dan Vining and Rob Webb who were both due to train this week and will be in Saturday's squad. Ilminster have bade farewell, and best wishes, to Mike McCormack who is off to try his hand at Toolstation Premier Division outfit Street. The midfielder made 36 appearances scoring five goals since signing for the blues from neighbours Crewkerne Town at the beginning of last season. "We wish him well,

we'd never stand in the way of a player having a crack at a higher level," said Manley.

COMBE St NICHOLAS

COMBE St NICHOLAS were on the wrong end of the striking prowess of Frome Collegians' four-goal James Hounsell as they were beaten 5-1 in the Somerset Senior Cup at Slades Cross on Saturday. Adam Tovey, with his sixth goal of the season, reduced the arrears to 2-1 but the visitors' clinical eye in front of goal proved to be the difference in the opinion of Saints' manager Ivor Hutchings: "There were times during the game when we were as good, if not better than them (Frome) and we can certainly take a lot out of the game. But in the end it was the old, old story - we just didn't take our chances. Their striker was awesome, he's far too good for this level." Some of the pluses from Saturday were the performances of young substitutes Gary Warren and Sam Johnson: "The lads came up from the Reserves and both did well off the bench. They'll both be in squad tomorrow" said Hutchings. Hutchings will be without long-term absentees Neil Parsons and Mark Redwood who is still in plaster but has yet to have confirmation or otherwise of a fracture to his ankle. The Saints will also be missing skipper Andy Morris and defender Richard Curwood who both have work commitments.



RICHARD CURWOOD: Combe St Nicholas will be without their experienced centre-back against Burnham



MIKE MCCORMACK: Leaving Ilminster Town to test himself in the Toolstation Premier Division with Street.

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Crewkerne Skittles league

Division One	Pld	Pts	Swan Cobbs.....	8	48
Lost Boys	8	76	Coombe Boys.....	8	46
Super Sexy Six.....	8	71	Concorde.....	8	40
Muddled Men.....	8	64	Kings Head B.....	8	36
Headhunters.....	8	57	Willy Low Flyers.....	8	32
The Fryers.....	8	56	Loud & Proud.....	8	21
King Willy Dogs.....	8	48			
Coachmen.....	8	44	Division Three	Pld	Pts
Rollers.....	8	43	Numpies.....	8	73
Sports 92.....	8	32	Swan Fixers.....	8	57
Disney.....	8	32	Con Club Legends.....	8	57
Swan Folkers.....	8	25	Perrott Monkeys.....	8	55
Royal Oak Drimptn.....	8	22	Royal Oak A.....	8	55
			Dinnington Astros.....	8	49
Division Two	Pld	Pts	Motley Crew.....	8	47
Pinbusters.....	8	75	Chis Colts.....	8	46
Football Club.....	8	64	Sandbaggers.....	8	41
Brewers Bees.....	8	57	Contwistadors.....	8	36
Rug Rats.....	8	54	Hung Like Horses.....	8	33
Skimmers.....	8	54	Muppets.....	8	21
Nomads.....	8	49			

Ilminster & District skittles

NOMINATION League (Week Three) Group One: Kings Head 254-2 (S.Hislop 51, G.Merrick 19) Hatch Beagles 277-10 (M.Grabham 47, D.Hutchins 25).

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Hatch Beagles.....	2	2	0	0	21
Flying Turkeys.....	2	1	0	1	13
Wyndham Arms.....	2	1	0	1	13
Hatch Eggs.....	2	1	0	1	10
Kings Head.....	2	0	0	2	3

Group Two: Ashill Inn 266-12 (C.Male 42, D.Hoare 22) Royal Oak 184 (K.White 30, M.Prouse 15), Donyatt BC 288-3 (P.Kneeshaw 54, P.Short 20) Carnival Clingons 310-9 (M.Lee 62, R.Sims 10), Carnival Clingons 279-9 (M.Lee 52, A.Berry 16) Royal Oak 268-3 (C.Rust 44, M.Prouse 26).

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ashill Inn.....	3	3	0	0	36
Carnival Clingons.....	3	2	0	1	18
Donyatt BC.....	2	1	0	1	14
Royal Oak.....	2	0	0	2	3
Ashill Boys.....	2	0	0	2	1

Group Three: Nomads 330-10 (A.Peckham 52, R.Barnes 29), Royals 315-2 (R.Elswood 47, R.Gibson 25).

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Nomads.....	2	2	0	0	21
Royals.....	2	1	0	1	14
Cricketers.....	2	1	0	1	12
Bell Clangers.....	2	0	0	2	1

Group Four: Bell Broadway 215-2 (R.Carter 38, R.Jones 2) Rockey's Rollers 257-10 (Andy Rockett 41, Adam Rockett 23).

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Crown Faces.....	2	1	0	1	14
Bell A.....	1	1	0	0	10
Rockey's Rollers.....	2	1	0	1	10
Bell Broadway.....	1	0	0	1	2

Indoor Bowls news

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Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom



One in, one out as Skivvo attempts to stop the rot

TWO more defeats in five days has left Yeovil Town deep in relegation trouble, and Notts County's victory over Swindon Town on Tuesday night saw the Glovers detached at the bottom along with Walsall and Dagenham & Redbridge.

A trip to The Valley is never easy whether you are in form or not, and manager Terry Skiverton will take some consolation from the fact that his side's 3-2 defeat by Charlton Athletic on Saturday hinged on a debatable penalty decision just three minutes from normal time after fighting back to equalise twice.

The visit to Dean Court on Tuesday appears a little more clear cut as AFC Bournemouth maintained their challenge for promotion from npower League One with a relatively easy 2-0 victory.

First-half goals from Danny Hollands and Josh McQuoid was enough to see off a Glovers side that rarely put the Cherries defence under pressure throughout the match.

The game saw the debut of another loanee Ivan Sproule who signed on a month's loan from Bristol City on Monday.

The 29-year-old midfielder who has collected 11 caps for Northern Ireland replaced fellow teammate Gavin Williams, who is also on loan, who was suspended following five bookings.

He replaces Luke Freeman who has returned to his parent club Arsenal ahead of his scheduled date. He joined Yeovil Town on loan at the beginning of the season and made 15 appearances and scoring two goals, but has been troubled by a nagging injury of late.

Ivan enters the fray

■ WITH most football clubs, particularly outside the Premier and Championship, finding life difficult due to falling gates in this time of economic recession, new commercial outlets are needed to boost their revenue.

Yeovil's poor form has not helped, and from looking at recent home matches a lot of season ticket holders are not even bothering to go and watch. This of course means less programme and lottery sales, and a reduction in the number of people purchasing food and drink from the club bars and kiosks, in addition to loss of revenue from new or occasional 'bums on seats'.

Not living in Yeovil I am not sure how much use is made of the Huish Park facilities.

There are match day hospitality suites and carveries, and ground advertising and a chance to be a mascot, but what happens outside of that?

What happens during the week in the conference rooms and bars?

I don't see many events advertised apart from the odd sportsman's night, and with the directors hog-

ging the bar in the main building with fans relegated to a marquee outside, it doesn't encourage fans to stay behind after a match.

My old club Lyme Regis have a clubhouse the size of the Glover's changing rooms and on a good night where a theme night is laid on with a good curry or barbecue, they can take well over £1,000!

Unfortunately the club has a reputation of being a bit aloof and not positively fan friendly, and so I guess it is only to be expected, but come on Yeovil, think about it.

With all the facilities you have available surely the place should be busy at least four or five days a week with company conferences and club events.

The way the team is performing you can't rely too much on match day revenue.

Drought continues

IT IS now more than a month since Bob Buckler's stable had a winner but the trainer is optimistic it will soon change writes Stuart Broom.

"Every stable goes through lean periods. There's nothing that you can particularly put your finger on that's the cause, and you have to work through it.

We've had a great run for a couple of seasons or so, only interrupted by a period when a virus swept through the yard, it will come back.

"A lot of our horses have gone up in handicap which obviously makes it more difficult to win races, whilst we've had the odd bit of bad luck, and of course horses and trainer are like anyone; they have their off days.

"But this is part of the magic of training horses, to bring out the best in them.

A good example of bad luck and character was **Double Dizzy** in the Grand Sefton Handicap Chase over the National course at Aintree on Sunday.

"He is a horse that likes to lead and look after himself. He had a rough time in his prep race at Sandown a couple of weeks ago where he was knocked into, so it was essential to get him out front.

Unfortunately he broke the tapes and whilst he was up towards the front runners after the restart he was a bit reluctant. I think he has fallen out of love with it at the moment and so we will send him hunting for a while to sweeten him."

Buckler put his hands up to the poor showing of **The Sawyer** in the Paddy Power Gold Cup Chase at Cheltenham the previous weekend.

"I think his prep race at Exeter two weeks earlier took more out of him than I expected; it was over a slightly shorter trip but it was a fast run race.

Although he didn't show it at home, but as result he was a bit flat at Cheltenham. He has run in races much closer together, sometimes only a few days, and been successful, but maybe the error was this was his first run of the season."

Ethiopia jumped immaculately in a good race at Plumpton where he was conceding almost two stone to two of the four runners, until the last where he got in too close and unseated Nathan Sweeney, whilst a loose horse running across him put paid to **Cullahill's** chances at Fontwell.

Tiger Breeze found the ground at Exeter much too soft for him and running too freely early on eventually ran out of puff, but shower good signs of improvement for the future on firmer ground.

ON THE SPOT...



WEEKENDER SPORT PUTS WINSHAM UNITED RESERVES' PLAYER-MANAGER RICHARD WHITE, UNDER THE SPOT-LIGHT

Q How long have you been associated with Winsham United FC and in what capacities?

A EIGHT years - five as manager of 1st team and now manager of the reserves

Q Name the three best players you've seen at the club and why?

A John Simmons - most under-rated centre half in the Perry Street League. Darren Partridge not necessarily the best player but for pace and commitment none any better. Gemma Hewitt (ne Nicholls) best goalkeeper I have seen in the club - and would have made it at County level if not for marriage, pregnancy and child birth.

Q What are your hopes for the club this season?

A First team to win Division One, Reserves to stay up in Division Three, Womens team to finish top four in Somerset County Division One. We also have a lot of young players in all three teams - it is important that these guys continue to develop for the clubs future.

Q How would you improve things at Winsham United FC?

A Cheaper beer in the club house and covered stand!

Q Who are your tips for the top and bottom two in Perry Street League Division Three this season?

A It's going to be very tight - Chard United seem to be everyone's favourites and the rest... it depends on what 11 are available throughout the season - wouldn't like to say who will be going down!

Q Name some young WUFC players we should look out for in the future.

A Tom Symes (17, first team), Matt Shattock (16, reserves) are both very promising youngsters. In the ladies team, notably, Belinda and Trish Bishop with a host of 16 year olds making their Winsham debut.

NEXT WEEK: Merriott Rovers manager Martin Case.

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CREWKERNE Hermitage Badminton Club play at Wadham School sports hall on Friday evenings between 8pm and 10pm. The club offers both full and half season memberships as well as pay and play option. New members are always welcome for further information contact Martin Hooper (01460 78026) or Helen Taylor (01460 77651) or simply drop in on a Friday evening.

■ WINCANTON RACECOURSE

Wincanton's first December fixture - Thursday, 2nd - has been rewarded with full-race-sponsorships and on-course staff will be using the occasion as a warm up for Boxing Day's bonanza, which sees over 12,000 racegoers attend their favourite Somerset track.

With the Kingwell Restaurant in strong demand,

the Somerset track as taken the initiative to open the CHRISTMAS PARTY PADDOCK MARQUEE. At £40 per person, guests will be treated to a delicious 2-course luncheon followed by coffee and mini mince pies. The package includes tipping guidance from Channel 4 Racing's MIKE CATTERMOLE, Premier Enclosure badge, racecard and the table for the day. Afternoon tea or a third course is available for an additional £5.35. BOOK NOW on 01963 32344.

Alternatively, the popular NEWCOMERS PACKAGE priced at £24.50 is available and includes a midday exclusive racecourse tour, Grandstand entry, racecard and a pint and a Badger Bar meal voucher.

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